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INTRODUCTION.

IN representing the oriental sounds in English letters, the system of Sir William Jones has been employed, slightly modified. The vowels must, then, be pronounced as follows: *viz.*, *a* as in *arise*; *á* as in *far*; *i* as in *wit*; *í* as in *police*; *u* as in *bush*; *ú* as in *rule*; *e* as in *they*; *ai* as in the Italian *mai*; *o* as in *so*; *au* as in the Italian *paura*. The consonants must receive their usual English sounds, except that, as regards *th* and *ph*, the compounds must be sounded as in the words “*pothook*” and “*haphazard*,” not as in “*this*” or “*thin*” and “*philology*.”

THIS impression differs from the first by numerous alterations and additions; but they are such as, it is believed, the Author would have approved.

HINDÎ AND BRAJ BHÂKHÂ GRAMMAR.

PART FIRST.

CHAPTER I.

OF THE ALPHABET.

1. THE *Nāgarī* alphabet, in which the Hindî language is generally written, consists of forty-nine letters. It is read, like English, from left to right, and is as follows:—

Vowels.

अ *a*, आ *ā*, इ *i*, ई *ī*, उ *u*, ऊ *ū*, ऋ *ṛi*, (ॠ *ṛī*), (ॡ *ṛī*),
(ॢ *ṛī*), ए *e*, ऐ *ai*, ओ *o*, औ *au*, with *· n*, : *h* (not initial).

Consonants.

Gutturals	क <i>ka</i> , ख <i>kha</i> , ग <i>ga</i> , घ <i>gha</i> , (ङ <i>ṅa</i>).
Palatals	च <i>cha</i> , छ <i>chha</i> , ज <i>ja</i> , झ <i>jha</i> , (ञ <i>ṇa</i>).
Linguals	ट <i>ṭa</i> , ठ <i>ṭha</i> , ड <i>ḍa</i> , ढ <i>ḍha</i> , ण <i>ṇa</i> .
Dentals	त <i>ta</i> , थ <i>tha</i> , द <i>da</i> , ध <i>dha</i> , न <i>na</i> .
Labials	प <i>pa</i> , फ <i>pha</i> , ब <i>ba</i> , भ <i>bha</i> , म <i>ma</i> .
Semi-vowels	य <i>ya</i> , र <i>ra</i> , ल <i>la</i> , व <i>va</i> or <i>wa</i>
Sibilants and Aspirate	श <i>śa</i> , ष <i>ṣha</i> , स <i>sa</i> , ह <i>ha</i> .

The letters enclosed in brackets will seldom or never be met with in Hindī. The lingual letters are pronounced by turning and applying the tip of the tongue far back against the palate. The sounds to which the English letters in the preceding scheme are restricted have been explained in my Introduction. The lingual letters ञ *ḍa* and ञ *ḍha*, when medial or final, are commonly pronounced *ra* and *rha*. A point may be placed under the character, to indicate that this pronunciation is intended. The sound of the letter ञ *ṣa* is, generally, corrupted into *sha*; and that of ञ *sha*, into *kha*.

2. We have given the vowel-forms used only at the beginning of a syllable. The vowel ञ *a* is inherent in every consonant, and is sounded after every one¹ which has not the subscript mark of suppression (*viz.*, ञ) understood after it,² or another vowel attached to it. These other vowels, when not at the beginning of a syllable, assume the following contracted shapes.

Medial and Final forms of the Vowels.

१ *á*, १ *i*, १ *í*, १ *u*, १ *ú*, १ *ri* (१ *rí*), (१ *lí*), (१ *lî*), १ *e*, १ *ai*,
१ *o*, १ *au*.

¹ Except the last in a word; and even there a conjunct consonant, in some cases, necessitates its utterance.

² For the mark of suppression is very rarely supplied either in manuscripts or in printed books. But for this, no room is left for doubt respecting the pronunciation of a word.

³ These vowels are added to the letter ञ thus: ञ *ru*, ञ *rá*.

Example of the Vowels following the letter क ka.

क *ka*, का *ká*, कि *ki*, की *kí*, कु *ku*, कू *kú*, कृ *kri*, के *ke*,
 कै *kai*, को *ko*, कौ *kau*, कं *kañ*, कः *kaḥ*.

It will be observed that the third of the vowels, *viz.*, इ *i*, is written *before* the consonant which it follows in pronunciation.

The mark (◌), termed *anusvára*, has, generally, in Hindî, the sound of the *n*¹ in the French *ton*. The vowel aspirate (◌:) is termed *visarga*.

3. When two or more consonants meet, without the intervention of a vowel, they coalesce and become one compound character. These compounds are formed by writing the subsequent consonant under the first, or by blending them in a particular way, or by writing them in their usual order, omitting the perpendicular stroke of each letter except the last. The letter र *ra*, when it immediately precedes a consonant, is written above it, in the form of a crescent; thus, रै *rga*: when it immediately follows one, it is written beneath it; thus, क्रा *kra*, ग्रा *gra*.

The marks | and || serve to divide hemistichs and distichs, and, occasionally, to indicate other pauses in the composition.

¹ It assumes the pronunciation of the nasal of the class of the consonant which it precedes; taking, for example, the sound of *m* before a *labial*, as in चंपक *champak*, a tree so called.

The following are among the most useful of the

Compound Letters.

क kka, क्ता kta, क्मा kma, क्क्या kya, क्क्षा ksha, ग्ना gna, ग्वा gwa, च chcha, च्छ chchha, ज्ञ jña¹ (compounded of ज ja and ञ ña), ण ãña, त्ता tta, त्मा tma, त्या tya, त्रा tra, द्दा dda, द्ध ddha, द्मा dma, द्या dya, द्रा dra, द्वा dwa, ध्ना dhna, न्ता nta, न्मा nma, ब्रा bra, म्पा mpa, ला lla, व्वा vva, श्रा sra (compounded of श śa and र ra), श्ता śta, श्ण śña, स्रा sra, स्त्रā stra, ह्रि hri, ह्मा hma, ह्या hya.

The student will meet with few compound characters which the foregoing instructions do not furnish him with the means of readily analysing. Some peculiar forms, however, chiefly occurring in books early printed in India, we do not possess types to represent. Most of these forms belong to the modification of the *Nāgarī* alphabet known as the *Kāyathī Nāgarī*.²

4 The following extract from a Hindī work may serve as an

Exercise in reading the Nāgarī Character.

इतनी कथा कह शुकदेव मुनि ने राजा परीक्षित से
Itñī kathā kah Śukdev mun ne rājā Parīkshit se

¹ In common pronunciation, *gya*.

² In words borrowed from the Arabic and Persian, letters occur which have none exactly corresponding to them in the *Nāgarī* alphabet. To represent these, the characters which approach nearest in pronunciation are employed; and points may be subscribed, to indicate the extraordinary use made of them.

कहा राजा अब मैं उग्रसेन के भारी देवक की कथा
kahá rájá ab main Ugrasen ke bháí Devak kí kathá
 कहता हूँ कि उस के चार बेटे थे और छः
kahtá hūn ki us ke chār bete the aur chhah
 बेटियाँ। सो छाँों बसुदेव को ब्याह दीं। सातवीं
betiyān. So chhaon Basudev ko byāh dīn. Sātwin
 देवकी ऊँई जिस के होने से देवताओं को प्रसन्नता
Devakī hūī jis ke hone se devatāon ko prasannatā
 भई। और उग्रसेन के भी दस पुत्र पर सब से
bhāī. Aur Ugrasen ke bhī das putra par sab se
 कंस ही बड़ा था। जब से जन्मा तब से यह
Kans hī barā thā. Jab se janmā tab se yah
 उपाध करने लगा कि नगर में जाय^१ छोटे
upādh karne lagā ki nagar meñ jāy chhōte
 छोटे लड़कों को पकड़ पकड़ लावे और पहाड़
chhōte larkōn ko pakar pakar lāve aur pahār
 की खोह में मूँद मूँद मार मार डाले।
kī khoh meñ mūnd mūnd mār mār dāle.

CHAPTER II.

Of the Substantive.

5. In the Hindī there are two numbers, singular and plural; and two genders, masculine and feminine.²

¹ When following a vowel, ए *e* and ओ *o* are frequently used for य *ya* and व *va*. Hence, होए *hoe*, पाए *pāe*, बिलाओ *bilāo*.

² What is here and elsewhere said of the Hindī, generally applies equally to the kindred dialect, the Braj Bhākhā. In the declensions and conjugations, the forms peculiar to the latter will be exhibited in parallel columns with the Hindī.

Names of males are masculine; names of females, feminine.

Substantives ending in **अ a**, **आ á**, or **आँ án** are, generally, masculine; those ending in **ई í** or **ईँ in** are, generally, feminine. There are many exceptions, however, to this rule; the distribution of genders being very arbitrary.

6. Declension is effected by means of particles placed *after* the word, and hence termed *postpositions*. These postpositions often occasion certain changes in the terminations of words. This change is technically termed *inflection*; and the form of the word thus modified is called its *inflected form*. For the purpose of declension, substantives may conveniently be divided into two classes; the first containing such masculines as end in **अ a**, **आ á**, and **आँ án**, while the second comprises the remaining substantives of the language.

The word **बेटा**, *a son*, may serve as an example of the

FIRST DECLENSION.

बेटा *a son*.

SINGULAR.	PLURAL.
Nom. बेटा <i>a son</i> .	बेटे <i>sons</i> .
Gen. बेटे का , ¹ बेटे की <i>of a son</i> .	बेटों का , बेटे की <i>of sons</i> .
Dat. बेटे को ² <i>to a son</i> .	बेटों को <i>to sons</i> .

¹ The rule for the use of the three postpositions of the genitive will be given hereafter.

² Or **बेटे तरै**.

SINGULAR.	PLURAL.
Acc. बेटे को <i>a son.</i>	बेटों को <i>sons.</i>
Voc. ऐ बेटे <i>O son !</i>	ऐ बेटो <i>O sons.</i>
Abl. बेटे से <i>from a son.</i>	बेटों से <i>from sons.</i>

Nouns in **बच्चा** *āñ* may be declined like the above; or they may retain the nasal in the inflected form of the singular, after changing the **बच्चा** *ā* to **ऐ** *e*.

7. In the following example, the Braj Bhākhā forms are given in parallel columns with the Hindī. The word **पुरुष**, *a man*, (as it ends in neither *a*, *ā*, nor *āñ*), differs from **बेटा**, in undergoing no inflection in the oblique cases of the singular, or in the nominative plural. It belongs to the

SECOND DECLENSION.

पुरुष *a man.*

Hindī.	Braj Bhākhā.
Nom. पुरुष	पुरुष <i>a man.</i>
Gen. पुरुष का, के, की	पुरुष की, के, की <i>of a man.</i>
Dat. पुरुष को	पुरुष की <i>to a man.</i>
Acc. पुरुष को	पुरुष की <i>a man.</i>
Voc. ऐ पुरुष	ऐ पुरुष <i>O man !</i>
Abl. पुरुष से	पुरुष की ² <i>from a man.</i>

¹ Or के तई.

² Or ते.

PLURAL.

Hindî.

Nom.	पुरुष
Gen.	पुरुषों का, के, की
Dat.	पुरुषों को
Acc.	पुरुषों को
Voc.	हे पुरुषो
Abl.	पुरुषों से

Braj Bhâkhâ.

पुरुष	<i>men.</i>
पुरुषनि ¹ की, के, की	<i>of men.</i>
पुरुषनि कीं	<i>to men.</i>
पुरुषनि कीं	<i>men.</i>
हे पुरुषो	<i>O men !</i>
पुरुषनि सों	<i>from men.</i>

8. Feminine nouns, in Hindî, differ from masculines of the second declension, in the nominative plural only. Those not ending in ई ई take ए *en* in the nominative plural; as बातें,² *words*, from बात. Those ending in ई ई change that termination to इयाँ *iyâñ* in the nominative plural. In the Braj Bhâkhâ, a nasal only is added. Example:

पुत्री a daughter.

SINGULAR.

Hindî.

Nom.	पुत्री
Gen.	पुत्री का, के, की
Dat.	पुत्री को
Acc.	पुत्री को
Voc.	हे पुत्री
Abl.	पुत्री से

Braj Bhâkhâ.

पुत्री	<i>a daughter.</i>
पुत्री की, के, की	<i>of a daughter.</i>
पुत्री कीं	<i>to a daughter.</i>
पुत्री कीं	<i>a daughter.</i>
हे पुत्री	<i>O daughter !</i>
पुत्री सों	<i>from a daughter.</i>

¹ Or पुरुषन, and so in the Dat., Acc., and Ablative.

² The Braj Bhâkhâ form is बातें.

PLURAL.

<i>Hindī.</i>	<i>Braj Bhākhā.</i>
Nom. पुचियाँ	पुची daughters.
Gen. पुचियों का, के, की	पुचीन ¹ की, के, की of daughters.
Dat. पुचियों को	पुचीन की to daughters.
Acc. पुचियों को	पुचीन की daughters.
Voc. ऐ पुचियो	हे पुचियो O daughters!
Abl. पुचियों से	पुचीन सी from daughters.

9. Some masculine nouns in *आ* *ā* undergo no change in the nominative plural, or in the oblique cases of the singular. They are, therefore, of the second declension. *E.g.*: पिता, a father; पिता से, from a father; पिता, fathers; पिताओं से, from fathers. The words राजा, a king, बाबा, a father, and others, particularly in the Braj Bhākhā, are thus declined.

10. Words of two short syllables, with the vowel *अ* in the second, drop that vowel, when a termination beginning with a vowel is added. Thus, बरस, a year, becomes, in the accusative plural, बरसों को.

CHAPTER III.

Of the Adjective.

11. ADJECTIVES, when employed as concrete nouns, are declined like substantives. When they agree with

¹ Or पुचियन, and so in the Dat., Acc., and Ablative.

a substantive, they undergo no inflection, unless they end in **आ**. Adjectives ending in **आ** change¹ this termination to **ए**, when the noun is masculine, and in any other case than the nominative singular; and to **ई**, if the noun is feminine. The postposition of the genitive (*viz.*, **का**) varies its termination, exactly like an adjective, to agree with the word which governs the genitive. This, as well as the comparison of adjectives, will be illustrated in the Syntax.

CHAPTER IV.

*Of the Pronouns.*²

12. THE declension of the pronouns does not differ very much from that of the substantives.

First Personal Pronoun.

SINGULAR.

<i>Hindī.</i>	<i>Brāj Bhākhā.</i>
Nom. मैं	हीं or मैं I.
Gen. मेरा, मेरे, मेरी	मेरी, मेरे, मेरी <i>my</i> .
Dat. मुझ को or मुझे	मो कीं or मोहि <i>to me</i> .
Acc. मुझ को or मुझे	मो कीं or मोहि <i>me</i> .
Abl. मुझ से	मो सीं <i>from me</i> .

¹ A very few adjectives, like the substantives mentioned in paragraph 9, retain **आ** unchanged.

² Many rare or poetic forms of the pronouns are not exhibited in this chapter.

First Personal Pronoun—continued.**PLURAL.**

<i>Hindī.</i>	<i>Braj Bhākhā.</i>
Nom. हम	हम <i>we.</i>
Gen. हमारा, हमारे, हमारी	हमारी, हमारे, हमारी <i>our.</i>
Dat. हमको or हमों को or हमें	हम कीं or हमन कीं or हमें <i>to us.</i>
Acc. हमको or हमों को or हमें	हम कीं or हमन कीं or हमें <i>us.</i>
Abl. हम से or हमों से	हम सों or हमन सों <i>from us.</i>

Second Person.**SINGULAR.**

<i>Hindī.</i>	<i>Braj Bhākhā.</i>
Nom. तू or तैं	तू or तैं <i>thou.</i>
Gen. तेरा, तेरे, तेरी	तेरी, तेरे, तेरी <i>thy.</i>
Dat. तुझ को or तुझे	तो कीं or तोहि <i>to thee.</i>
Acc. तुझ को or तुझे	तो कीं or तोहि <i>thee.</i>
Voc. ऐ तू	हे or अहे तू <i>O thou!</i>
Abl. तुझ से	तो सों <i>from thee.</i>

PLURAL.

<i>Hindī.</i>	<i>Braj Bhākhā.</i>
Nom. तुम	तुम <i>you.</i>
Gen. तुम्हारा -रे -री	तुम्हारी or तिहारी -रे -री <i>your.</i>
Dat. तुम or तुम्हों को or तुम्हें	तुम or तुमनि कीं or तुम्हें <i>to you.</i>
Acc. तुम or तुम्हों को or तुम्हें	तुम or तुमनि कीं or तुम्हें <i>you.</i>
Voc. ऐ तुम	अहो तुम <i>O you!</i>
Abl. तुम से or तुम्हों से	तुम सों or तुमनि सों <i>from you.</i>

Third Personal Pronoun and Remote Demonstrative.

SINGULAR.

<i>Hindl.</i>	<i>Braj Bhākhā.</i>
Nom. वह	वह <i>he, she, it, or that.</i>
Gen. उस ¹ का, के, की	वा or ता की, के, की <i>his, of him, etc.</i>
Dat. उस को or उसे	वा or ता कीं or ताहि <i>to him.</i>
Acc. उस को or उसे	वा or ता कीं or ताहि <i>him.</i>
Abl. उस से	वा सों or ता सों <i>from him.</i>

PLURAL.

<i>Hindl.</i>	<i>Braj Bhākhā.</i>
Nom. वे	वे or ते <i>they.</i>
Gen. उन ² का, के, की	उन ³ की, के, की <i>their, of them.</i>
Dat. उन को or उन्हें	उन कीं or उन्हें <i>to them.</i>
Acc. उन को or उन्हें	उन कीं or उन्हें <i>them.</i>
Abl. उन से	उन सों <i>from them.</i>

Proximate Demonstrative.

SINGULAR.

<i>Hindl.</i>	<i>Braj Bhākhā.</i>
Nom. यह	यह <i>this.</i>
Gen. इस ⁴ का, के, की	या की, के, की <i>of this.</i>
Dat. इस को or इसे	या कीं or याहि <i>to this.</i>
Acc. इस को or इसे	या कीं or याहि <i>this.</i>
Abl. इस से	या सों <i>from this.</i>

¹ Or तिस, and so in the following cases.² Or उन्हें or उन्हीं, and so in the following cases.³ Or तिन, and so in the following cases.⁴ Or विस, and so in the following cases.

Proximate Demonstrative—continued.

<i>Hindl.</i>	PLURAL. <i>Braj Bhākhā.</i>
Nom. ये	ये <i>these.</i>
Gen. इन ¹ का, के, की	इन ² की, के, की <i>of these.</i>
Dat. इन को or इन्हें	इन कीं or इन्हें or विन्हें <i>to these.</i>
Acc. इन को or इन्हें	इन कीं or इन्हें or विन्हें <i>these.</i>
Abl. इन से	इन से <i>from these.</i>

Common or Reflexive Pronoun.

<i>Hindl.</i>	SINGULAR AND PLURAL. <i>Braj Bhākhā.</i>
Nom. आप	आप <i>self, myself, thyself, etc.</i>
Gen. आप का, के, की or अपना, -ने, -नी	आप की, के, की or आपनी, -ने, -नी, <i>of myself, etc. my own, etc.</i>
Dat. आप को or अपने को	आप कीं or आपन कीं <i>to myself, etc.</i>
Acc. आप को or अपने को	आप कीं or आपन कीं <i>myself, etc.</i>
Abl. आप से or अपने से ³	आप सीं or आपन सीं <i>from myself,</i> <i>etc.</i>

Interrogative Pronoun.

<i>Hindl.</i>	SINGULAR. <i>Braj Bhākhā.</i>
Nom. कौन	कौन or को <i>who? which? what? etc.</i>
Gen. किस का, के, की	का कौ, के, की <i>of whom? etc.</i>
Dat. किस को or किसे	का कौं or काहि <i>to whom? etc.</i>
Acc. किस को or किसे	का कौं or काहि <i>whom? etc.</i>
Abl. किस से	का सीं <i>from whom? etc.</i>

¹ Or इन्ह or इन्हों, and so in the following cases.² Or विन, and so in the following cases.³ आपस में is an irregular locative, *among themselves, etc.*

Interrogative Pronoun—continued.

PLURAL.

<i>Hindl.</i>	<i>Braj Bhākhā.</i>
Nom. कौन	कौन or को <i>who? which? what? etc.</i>
Gen. किन ¹ का, के, की	किन की, के, की <i>of whom? etc.</i>
Dat. किन को or किन्हें	किन की or किन्हें <i>to whom? etc.</i>
Acc. किन को or किन्हें	किन की or किन्हें <i>whom? etc.</i>
Abl. किन से	किन से <i>from whom? etc.</i>

The Absolute² Interrogative.

SINGULAR AND PLURAL.

<i>Hindl.</i>	<i>Braj Bhākhā.</i>
Nom. and Acc. क्या	कहा or का <i>what?</i>
Gen. काहे का, के, की	काहे की, के, की <i>of what?</i>
Dat. काहे को	काहे की <i>to or for what?</i>
Abl. काहे से	काहे से <i>from what?</i>

The Relative.

SINGULAR.

<i>Hindl.</i>	<i>Braj Bhākhā.</i>
Nom. जो or जौन	जो or जौन <i>who, which, what.</i>
Gen. जिस का, के, की	जा की, के, की <i>of whom, etc.</i>
Dat. जिस को or जिसे	जा की or जाहि <i>to whom, etc.</i>
Acc. जिस को or जिसे	जा की or जाहि <i>whom, etc.</i>
Abl. जिस से	जा से <i>from whom, etc.</i>

¹ Or किन्ह or किन्हों, and so in the following cases.² So called, because generally employed without a substantive.

The Relative—continued.

<i>Hindī.</i>	PLURAL.	<i>Braj Bhākhā.</i>
Nom. जो or जोन		जे <i>who, which, what.</i>
Gen. जिन ¹ का, के, की		जिन ² की, के, की <i>of whom, etc.</i>
Dat. जिन को or जिन्हें		जिन कीं or जिन्हें <i>to whom, etc.</i>
Acc. जिन को or जिन्हें		जिन कीं or जिन्हें <i>whom, etc.</i>
Abl. जिन से		तिन सीं <i>from whom, etc.</i>

*The Correlative.**Hindī and (postpositions changed) Braj Bhākhā.*

SINGULAR.	PLURAL.
N. सो or तीन <i>he, she, it, that, this.</i>	सो or तीन <i>those, etc.</i>
G. तिस का, के, को <i>of that, etc.</i>	तिन ³ का, के, की <i>of those, etc.</i>
D. तिस को or तिसे <i>to that, etc.</i>	तिन को or तिन्हें <i>to those, etc.</i>
Acc. तिस को or तिसे <i>that, etc.</i>	तिन को or तिन्हें <i>those, etc.</i>
Abl. तिस से <i>from that, etc.</i>	तिन से <i>from those, etc.</i> ⁴

Indefinites.

<i>Hindī.</i>	<i>Braj Bhākhā.</i>
Nom. कोई ¹	कोऊ ² <i>a, any, some, some one.</i>
Gen. किसी का, के, की	काहू की, के, की <i>of some, etc.</i>
Dat. किसी को	काहू कीं <i>to some, etc.</i>
Acc. किसी को	काहू कीं <i>some, etc.</i>
Abl. किसी से	काहू सीं <i>from some, etc.</i>

¹ Or जिन्हें or जिन्हों, and so in the following cases.² Or जिननि, and so in the following cases.³ Or तिन्हें or तिन्हों, and so in the following cases.⁴ Add all the oblique cases of वह, p. 12, *supra*.⁵ Accusative, likewise, when not denoting a person. No cases but the Nom. and Acc., and of these forms, are used in the plural.

Indefinites—continued.

<i>Hindī.</i>	<i>Braj Bhākhā.</i>
Nom. and Acc. कुछ ¹	कुछ ¹ <i>some, a little, a few.</i>
Gen. किस् का, के, की	काह की, के, की <i>of some, etc.</i>
Dat. किस् को	काह की <i>to some, etc.</i>
Acc. किस् को	काह की <i>some, etc.</i>
Abl. किस् से	काह से <i>from some, etc.</i>

CHAPTER V.

Of the Verb.

13. IN Hindī there is but one conjugation. The second person singular of the imperative furnishes the form of the base, from which all the other parts of the verb are derived. Besides the infinitive, there are three participles, six past tenses, five present, two future, and the imperatives (common and respectful).

The infinitive is formed by adding न्ना to the base;¹ the past participle, by adding ञ्ना; the present, by adding ता; and the past conjunctive (which means

¹ The Nom. and Acc. only, and of these forms, are used in the plural.

² The preliminary remarks on the verb apply more particularly to the Hindī; the peculiarities of the Braj Bhākhā being postponed, in order to avoid embarrassing the learner. Those parts of the verb which end in ञ्ना vary the termination like adjectives (analogously to the Latin participles in *us*), so as to agree with the nominative. This will be further explained in the Syntax.

“having done so and so”), is either the same as the base, or is formed by adding one or other of the terminations **ए, के, कर, करके, or करकर,** etc.

The simple, or indefinite, past tense is the same, in form, as the past participle. The compound past tenses are formed by subjoining to this, in succession, the five tenses of the auxiliary verb.

The simple, or indefinite, present tense, is the same as the present participle. The compound present tenses are formed by subjoining to this, in succession, the four first tenses of the auxiliary verb.

The aorist (or indefinite future) is formed by adding to the base the following terminations :

SINGULAR.			PLURAL.		
1st Person.	2nd.	3rd.	1st Person.	2nd.	3rd.
क	ए	ए	एं	ओ	ए

The future is formed from the aorist, by adding the syllable **गा**.

The imperative has the same form as the aorist, except in the second person singular, which (as before-mentioned) is the same, in form, as the base of the verb.

The respectful and precative forms of the future and imperative are formed by adding **ह्ये, ह्येगा, and ह्यो.**

The Auxiliary Verb.

14. The defective auxiliary (which, when uncombined with a participle, is employed as the substantive verb *to be*,) is as follows :

(1.) *Past Tense.*¹

SINGULAR.		PLURAL.	
<i>Hindl.</i>	<i>Braj Bhākhā.</i> ²	<i>Hindl.</i>	<i>Braj Bhākhā.</i>
मैं था ³	हो <i>I was.</i>	हम थे	हैं <i>we were.</i>
तू था	हो <i>thou wast.</i>	तुम थे	हैं <i>ye were.</i>
वह था	हो <i>he was.</i>	वे थे	हैं <i>they were.</i>

(2.) *Present Tense.*

SINGULAR.		PLURAL.	
<i>Hindl.</i>	<i>Braj Bhākhā.</i>	<i>Hindl.</i>	<i>Braj Bhākhā.</i>
मैं हूँ	हूँ <i>I am.</i>	हम हैं	हैं <i>we are.</i>
तू है	है <i>thou art.</i>	तुम हो	हो <i>ye are.</i>
वह है	है <i>he is.</i>	वे हैं	हैं <i>they are.</i>

(3.) *Aorist.*

SINGULAR.

<i>Hindl.</i>	<i>Braj Bhākhā.</i>
मैं होऊँ	होऊँ <i>I may or shall be.</i>
तू होवे	होय ⁴ <i>thou mayest be.</i>
वह होवे	होय <i>he may be.</i>

¹ The tenses are arranged in the natural order of past, present, and future.

Several rare or poetic forms of parts of the verb are not taken account of in this Grammar.

² Its pronouns may be supplied from Chapter IV.

³ Or रहा. The past indefinite is हुआ or भया; Braj Bhākhā, भयी. It generally means "became;" denoting process, or transition, rather than simple existence.

⁴ होय is pronounced ho-e.

PLURAL.

Hindl.

हम होवें
तुम होओ
वे होवें

Braj Bhākhā.

हीं¹ *we may be.*
होउ *ye may be.*
हीं *they may be.*

(4.) *Future.*

SINGULAR.

Hindl.

मैं होऊंगा
तू होवेगा or होगा
वह होवेगा or होगा

Braj Bhākhā.

हींगी or हूँ *I shall or will be.*
होयगी or हूँ *thou shalt be.*
होयगी or हूँ *he shall be.*

PLURAL.

Hindl.

हम होवेंगे or होंगे
तुम होओगे or होंगे
वे होवेंगे or होंगे

Braj Bhākhā.

हींयेंगे or हूँ *we shall be.*
होउंगे or हूँ *ye shall be.*
हींयेंगे or हूँ *they shall be.*

(5.) *Conditional (or Optative).*

SINGULAR.

Hindl.

मैं होता (If) *I become.*
तू होता *thou become.*
वह होता *he become.*

Braj Bhākhā.

होतु or होती (If) *I become.*
होतु or होती *thou become.*
होतु or होती *he become.*

¹ हींय is pronounced *hau-e*.

PLURAL.

<i>Hindl.</i>	<i>Braj Bhākhā.</i>
हम होते (If) <i>we become.</i>	होतु or होत (If) <i>we become.</i>
तुम होते <i>ye become.</i>	होतु or होत <i>ye become.</i>
वे होते <i>they become.</i>	होतु or होत <i>they become.</i>

This auxiliary, when combined with a past participle, is translated by the verb *to have*; and, when with the present participle, by the verb *to be*.

15. The verb चल, *go*, may serve as an example of a perfectly regular verb.

Imperative for the Second Person Singular.

<i>Hindl.</i>	<i>Braj Bhākhā.</i>
चल	चल <i>go.</i>

Infinitive and Gerund.

चलना	चलनीं, चलनी, or चलवी <i>to go, or (the act of) going.</i>
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Past Participle.

चला or चला ऊँचा, चला भया	चली or चली भयी <i>gone.</i>
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Present Participle.

चलता or चलता ऊँचा, चलता भया	चलत, चलतु, चलतो or चलत भयी, चलतु भयी <i>going.</i>
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Past Conjunctive Participle.

चल, चले, चलके, चलकर, चलकरके, or चलकरकर	चल, चलि, चली, चले, चलके, चलिके, चलकर, चलकरके, or चलकरकर <i>having gone.</i>
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PAST TENSES.

(1.) Simple (or Indefinite) Past Tense.

SINGULAR.		PLURAL.	
Hindl.	Braj Bhākhā.	Hindl.	Braj Bhākhā.
मैं चला	चली <i>I went (or did go)</i>	हम चले	चले <i>we went.</i>
तू चला	चली <i>thou wentest.</i>	तुम चले	चले <i>ye went.</i>
वह चला	चली <i>he went.</i>	वे चले	चले <i>they went.</i>

(2.) Pluperfect Tense.

SINGULAR.	
Hindl.	Braj Bhākhā.
मैं चला था <i>I had gone.</i>	चली हो <i>I had gone.</i>
तू चला था <i>thou hadst gone.</i>	चली हो <i>thou hadst gone.</i>
वह चला था <i>he had gone.</i>	चली हो <i>he had gone.</i>

PLURAL.	
Hindl.	Braj Bhākhā.
हम चले थे <i>we had gone.</i>	चले हे <i>we had gone.</i>
तुम चले थे <i>ye had gone.</i>	चले हे <i>ye had gone.</i>
वे चले थे <i>they had gone.</i>	चले हे <i>they had gone.</i>

(3.) Compound (or Definite) Past Tense.

SINGULAR.	
Hindl.	Braj Bhākhā.
मैं चला हूँ <i>I have gone.</i>	चली हूँ <i>I have gone.</i>
तू चला है <i>thou hast gone.</i>	चली है <i>thou hast gone.</i>
वह चला है <i>he has gone.</i>	चली है <i>he has gone.</i>

PLURAL.

<i>Hindī.</i>	<i>Braj Bhākhā.</i>
हम चले हैं <i>we have gone.</i>	चले हैं <i>we have gone.</i>
तुम चले हो <i>ye have gone.</i>	चले हो <i>ye have gone.</i>
वे चले हैं <i>they have gone.</i>	चले हैं <i>they have gone.</i>

(4.) *Past Aorist Tense.*

SINGULAR.

<i>Hindī.</i>	<i>Braj Bhākhā.</i>
मैं चला होऊँ	चली होऊँ <i>I may have gone.</i>
तू चला होवे	चली होय <i>thou mayest have gone.</i>
वह चला होवे	चली होय <i>he may have gone.</i>

PLURAL.

<i>Hindī.</i>	<i>Braj Bhākhā.</i>
हम चले होवें	चले हीय <i>we may have gone.</i>
तुम चले होओ	चले होउ <i>ye may have gone.</i>
वे चले होवें	चले हीय <i>they may have gone.</i>

(5.) *Past Future Tense.*

SINGULAR.

<i>Hindī.</i>	<i>Braj Bhākhā.</i>
मैं चला होऊँगा	चली होऊँगी <i>I shall have gone.</i>
तू चला होवेगा	चली होयगी <i>thou shalt have gone.</i>
वह चला होवेगा	चली होयगी <i>he shall have gone.</i>

PLURAL.

Hindī.
हम चले होवेंगे
तुम चले होओगे
वे चले होवेंगे

Braj Bhākhā.
चले हींयने *we shall have gone.*
चले होउगे *ye shall have gone.*
चले हींयने *they shall have gone.*

(6.) *Past Conditional (or Optative).*

SINGULAR.

Hindī.
मैं चला होता
तू चला होता
वह चला होता

Braj Bhākhā.
चखी होतु¹ (If)² *I had gone.*
चखी होतु *thou hadst gone.*
चखी होतु *he had gone.*

PLURAL.

Hindī.
हम चले होते
तुम चले होते
वे चले होते

Braj Bhākhā.
चले होतु³ (If) *we had gone.*
चले होतु *ye had gone.*
चले होतु *they had gone.*

¹ Or चखी होती, throughout the singular.

² The word जो, *if*, is generally prefixed to the conditional. When such a word as चाय, *would that*, is prefixed, the tense has the force of an optative.

³ Or चले होत, throughout the plural.

PRESENT TENSES.

(1.) Simple (or Indefinite) Present.¹

SINGULAR.

<i>Hindl.</i>	<i>Braj Bhâkhâ.</i>
मैं चलता <i>I go (or do go).</i>	चलतु <i>I go (or do go).</i>
तू चलता <i>thou goest.</i>	चलतु <i>thou goest.</i>
वह चलता <i>he goes.</i>	चलतु <i>he goes.</i>

PLURAL.

<i>Hindl.</i>	<i>Braj Bhâkhâ.</i>
हम चलते <i>we go.</i>	चलतु or चलत <i>we go.</i>
तुम चलते <i>ye go.</i>	चलतु or चलत <i>ye go.</i>
वे चलते <i>they go.</i>	चलतु or चलत <i>they go.</i>

(2.) Imperfect.

SINGULAR.

<i>Hindl.</i>	<i>Braj Bhâkhâ.</i>
मैं चलता था	चलतु हो <i>I was going.</i>
तू चलता था	चलतु हो <i>thou wast going.</i>
वह चलता था	चलतु हो <i>he was going.</i>

PLURAL.

<i>Hindl.</i>	<i>Braj Bhâkhâ.</i>
हम चलते थे	चलत हे ² <i>we were going.</i>
तुम चलते थे	चलत हे <i>ye were going.</i>
वे चलते थे	चलत हे <i>they were going.</i>

¹ The present, preceded by a conditional or optative particle, is much used in the same sense as the past conditional.

² Or चलतु हे, throughout the plural.

(3.) *Compound (or Definite) Present.*

SINGULAR.

Hindl.

मैं चलता हूँ
 तू चलता है
 वह चलता है

Braj Bhākhā.

चलतु हीं *I am going.*
 चलतु है *thou art going.*
 चलतु है *he is going.*

PLURAL.

Hindl.

हम चलते हैं
 तुम चलते हो
 वे चलते हैं

Braj Bhākhā.

चलतु¹ हैं *we are going.*
 चलतु हो *ye are going.*
 चलतु हैं *they are going.*

(4.) *Present Aorist.*

SINGULAR.

Hindl.

मैं चलता हूँ
 तू चलता होवे
 वह चलता होवे

Braj Bhākhā.

चलतु हीं *I may be going.*
 चलतु होय *thou mayest be going.*
 चलतु होय *he may be going.*

PLURAL.

Hindl.

हम चलते हों
 तुम चलते होओ
 वे चलते हों

Braj Bhākhā.

चलत² हीं *we may be going.*
 चलत होओ *ye may be going.*
 चलत हीं *they may be going.*

¹ Or चलत, throughout the plural.² Or चलतु, throughout the plural.

(5.) *Present Future.*

SINGULAR.

Hindī.

मैं चलता होऊंगा
 तू चलता होवेगा
 वह चलता होवेगा

Braj Bhākhā.

चलतु हीउंगी *I shall be going.*
 चलतु होयगी *thou shalt be going.*
 चलतु होयगी *he shall be going.*

PLURAL.

Hindī.

हम चलते होवेंगे
 तुम चलते होओगे
 वे चलते होवेंगे

Braj Bhākhā.

चलत¹ हीयगे *we shall be going.*
 चलत होउगे *ye shall be going.*
 चलत हीयगे *they shall be going.*

FUTURE TENSES.

(1.) *Aorist.*

SINGULAR.

Hindī.

मैं चबूँ *I may (or shall) go.*
 तू चले *thou mayest go.*
 वह चले *he may go.*

Braj Bhākhā.

चखीँ *I may (or shall) go.*
 चले *thou mayest go.*
 चले *he may go.*

PLURAL.

Hindī.

हम चलेँ *we may go.*
 तुम चलो *ye may go.*
 वे चलेँ *they may go.*

Braj Bhākhā.

चलेँ *we may go.*
 चलो *ye may go.*
 चलेँ *they may go.*

¹ Or चलतु, throughout the plural.

(2.) *Future.*

SINGULAR.

<i>Hindī.</i>	<i>Braj Bhākhā.</i>
मैं चलीना <i>I shall (or will) go.</i>	चलींगी or चलिहीं <i>I shall (or will) go.</i>
तू चलेगा <i>thou shalt go.</i>	चलेगी or चलिहि <i>thou shalt go.</i>
वह चलेगा <i>he shall go.</i>	चलेगी or चलिहि <i>he shall go.</i>

PLURAL.

<i>Hindī.</i>	<i>Braj Bhākhā.</i>
हम चलेगे <i>we shall go.</i>	चलेगे or चलिहें <i>we shall go.</i>
तुम चलोगे <i>ye shall go.</i>	चलींगे or चलिहीं <i>ye shall go.</i>
वे चलेगे <i>they shall go.</i>	चलेगे or चलिहें <i>they shall go.</i>

IMPERATIVE.

SINGULAR.		PLURAL.	
<i>Hindī.</i>	<i>Braj Bhākhā.</i>	<i>Hindī.</i>	<i>Braj Bhākhā.</i>
चलूँ	चलीं <i>let me go.</i>	चलें	चलें <i>let us go.</i>
चल	चल <i>go thou.</i>	चलो	चली <i>go ye.</i>
चले	चले <i>let him go.</i>	चलें	चलें <i>let them go.</i>

Respectful and Precative Forms of the Future and Imperative.

<i>Hindī.</i>	<i>Braj Bhākhā.</i>
आप ¹ चलिधे or चलिधेगा	चलिधे <i>you, sir, will be pleased to go; or, be pleased, sir, to go.</i>

¹ आप is a respectful term of address, equivalent to *sir, your honour, your worship, etc.*

Respectful and Precative Forms, etc.—continued.

<i>Hindl.</i>	<i>Braj Bhākhā.</i>
चलिये	चलिये <i>we, or one, shall go ; or, may we, or one, go ; etc.</i>
चलियो ¹	<i>thou, he, ye, or they, shall go ; or, may thou, etc. ; or, let some one go ; etc.</i>

16. The passive voice is formed by conjugating the verb जाना, *to go*, with the past participle. As it presents no other inflections than those of the active voice, its further consideration is referred to the Syntax.

CHAPTER · VI.

Of Particles.

17. UNDER this head may be classed the Postpositions, Adverbs, Conjunctions, and Interjections. With the exception of the postposition employed in forming the genitive case, these words are subject to no change of form. The consideration of them belongs, therefore, to the second part of this work.

¹ The Braj Bhākhā form चलियो, *ye shall go, or may ye go*, is restricted to the second person plural.

PART SECOND.

OF THE SYNTAX.

CHAPTER VII.

Syntax of the Substantive.

18. THE general rule for the order of a sentence in Hindî is, to begin with the nominative, and to end with the verb. In books where no stops are used, the uniformity of this arrangement obviates, in a great measure, the ambiguity and inconvenience that might be expected to result from their omission. In these remarks on the Syntax of the Hindî, we shall confine our attention to those points in which it differs from that of other languages with which the reader is presumed to be already conversant. With regard to the substantive, therefore, we need notice only the peculiar construction of the genitive case. The postposition का, which is the sign of this case, varies its termination, to agree with the word which *governs* the genitive. If this governing word is a masculine in the nominative singular, का is used ; if masculine, but *not* nominative singular, के ; and, if feminine, की. Examples: राजा का बेटा, *the son of the king*; राजा के बेटे से, *from the son of the king*; राजा के बेटे, *the sons of the*

king; राजा के बेटों से, *from the sons of the king*; राजा की बेटों, *the daughter of the king*; राजा की बेटियों से, *from the daughters of the king*. The Braj Bhākhā postpositions, *को, के, की*, follow the same rule.

CHAPTER VIII.

Syntax of the Adjective.

19. ADJECTIVES ending in *आ*¹ vary the termination, to agree with the substantive, on the same principle with the postposition *का*, above explained. Examples: एक काला घोड़ा, *a black horse*; एक काले घोड़े पर, *on a black horse*; काले घोड़े, *black horses*; एक काली घोड़ी, *a black mare*; काली घोड़ियाँ, *black mares*.

20. Adjectives that have any other termination than *आ* undergo no alteration, whatever be the gender or number of the substantive with which they are in construction.

21. The adjunct of similitude, *सा, like, etc.*, varies its termination like an adjective. It is frequently annexed to an adjective; sometimes giving increased emphasis, and, sometimes, the reverse. Thus, *काला सा* may mean either *blackish*, or *very black*, according to the spirit of the context, and the tone of voice with which it is uttered. Very generally, it has no appreciable influence on the sense. When added to a substantive, or

¹ With the exception of those mentioned, in Chapter III., as being invariable.

pronoun, it may either inflect it, or govern the genitive. In the latter event, the sign of the case, as well as the adjunct, varies, to agree with the substantive with which the comparison is made. Example: बाघ की सी सुरत, *a form like a tiger's*.

22. There is no peculiar inflection to express the degrees of comparison. The comparative is expressed by making the adjective govern the ablative. Example: यह लड़का उस लड़के से बड़ा है, *this boy is bigger than that boy*. The superlative—which, in general grammar, is nothing more than a comparative with the word *all* for its complement,—is expressed by means of the word सब, *all*. Example: यह लड़का सब से बड़ा है, *this boy is bigger than all, i.e., the biggest*. An adjective is rendered emphatic by repeating it, or by prefixing a suitable adverb. Example: बड़ा बड़ा or बहुत बड़ा, *very large*.

CHAPTER IX.

Syntax of the Pronoun.

23. A PRONOUN, when it agrees with a substantive that is not in the nominative, must assume the inflected form. Examples: इस नगर से, *from this city*; उन दिनों में, *in those days*.

24. The reflexive pronoun, आप, *self*, is, invariably, the pronominal substitute of the nominative to the verb. In such sentences, therefore, as “*I have come from my house,*” “*bring your book,*” “*they will*

lose *their* way," etc., the possessives *my*, *your*, and *their* must be expressed by अपना, not by मेरा, तुम्हारा, and उन का.

25. The relative and correlative generally stand at the beginning of their respective clauses; and the relative clause takes the precedence. Example: जो तुम चाहोगे सो मैं करूंगा, *what you shall choose, that I will do.*

CHAPTER X.

Syntax of the Verb.

26. THOSE parts of the verb which end in आ vary that termination according to the gender and number of the word with which they are required to agree; changing it to ए, for the masculine plural, to ऐ, for the feminine singular, and to ई,¹ or इया, for the feminine plural. When two feminine plurals come together, as in the pluperfect, etc., only the last takes the plural form. Example: रूझियां रोती थीं, *the women were weeping.*

27. A transitive verb may govern either the nominative or the accusative. Pronouns, when unaccompanied by substantives, are put in the accusative, after transitives, unless the pronoun is used in a sort of absolute neuter sense; as in the sentences: "when he heard *this*," "he did not see *that*," "*what* I have seen, *that* I will relate."

¹ It is often shortened in Braj Bhākhā.

28. A remarkable exception to the common rule, that the verb agrees with its nominative, occurs in the case of the past tenses of transitive verbs. The anomaly arises from the operation of the particle **ने**.¹ As the operation of this particle recurs incessantly, it is indispensable that the rules for its application should be perfectly understood. The following should be committed to memory :

- (1.) The particle **ने** must be attached to the agent of every past tense of an active transitive verb.
- (2.) The particle **ने**, like a postposition, inflects the agent,² unless this is **मैं**, *I*, or **तू**, *thou*.
- (3.) If the *object* is put in the nominative, the verb must be made to agree with it.
- (4.) If the object is not a word in the nominative, the verb must be used in the third person masculine singular.

Examples: **किसी कुत्ते ने एक हड्डी पाई** or **हड्डी को पाया**, *a certain dog found a bone* ; **जब राजा ने ये सब बातें सुनीं**, *when the king heard all these statements*. Stories frequently commence with the words **यूं सुना है कि**, etc., “*I have thus heard, that,*” etc. Here there is an ellipsis of the pronoun **मैं ने**; but the construction applies equally, though the agent (and, therefore, the particle, also,) is not expressed. In the expression

¹ In Braj Bhākhā, this particle takes also the form of **नि**.

² If it is a word capable of inflection.

quoted, the object of the verb is the story that follows; and (according to rule 4), where the object is not “a word in the nominative,” the verb must be used in the third person masculine singular.

29. Verbs are added to uninflected nouns and adjectives, for the purpose of forming what are termed *denominative* verbs. Example: गाली देना, *to abuse*; छोटा करना, *to diminish*.

30. In order to give emphasis to a verb, we employ, in English, an adverb. In Hindî, a subordinate verb is used for this purpose. It is subjoined, in all the requisite forms of inflection, to the base of the principal verb. In English, it depends on usage what adverb must be employed to give emphasis to any particular verb; and, in Hindî, the choice of the subordinate verb, in an *intensive* compound, is even more arbitrary. For example, in the compound मार डालना, *to kill outright*, the subordinate is a verb signifying *to throw*; and, in खा जाना, *to eat up*, the secondary verb signifies *to go*. The appropriate secondary verb—like the appropriate adverb in English,—must be learned by practice. In translating *from* Hindî, however, a compound of this description need never perplex one, if it is recollected, that, with two exceptions, no verb governs the *base*, unless for the purpose of giving it some emphasis which should be rendered, in English, by an adverbial expression, provided there be any occasion (which there is not always) for rendering it at all.

31. The two other verbs that govern the base are **सकना**, *to be able*, (forming *potentials*), and **चुक्ना**, *to finish*, (which forms *completives*). Examples: मैं जा नहीं सकूँगा, *I shall not be able to go*; वह खा चुका है, *he has done eating*.

The verbs **सगना**, *to come in contact*, (and, hence, *to begin*), **देना**, *to give or permit*, and **पाना**, *to obtain or be allowed*, govern the inflected form of the infinitive.¹ They form *inceptive*, *permissive*, and *acquisitive* compounds. Examples: वह कहने लगा, *he began to say*; उस को आने दो, *let him come*; तुम रहने पाओगे, *you will be allowed to remain*.

32. The verbs **चाहना**, *to wish*, (hence, *to require*, or *to be on the point of*), and **करना**, *to make* (a *practice of*), govern the past participle, which must not vary from the form of the masculine singular. The first verb forms *desideratives*, *requisitives*, and *proximatives*; the second, *frequentatives*. Examples: वह जाया² चाहती, *she wishes to go*; वे आया करते, *they use to come*.

33. The respectful future or imperative of **चाहना**, viz., **चाहिये**, very often occurs, idiomatically used in the sense of *it is requisite*. It may govern the past participle; or it may be followed by the conjunction

¹ This, in Braj Bhākhā, is often **नि**, instead of **ने**.

² The forms **जाया** and **मरा** (from **जाना**, *to go*, and **मरना**, *to die*), are used, in these compounds, instead of **जया** and **मुआ**. **मुआ** is, in fact, obsolete, except as a participial adjective signifying *cursed*.

कि, and the aorist of the verb. Example: हम को यहाँ रहा चाहिये, or चाहिये कि हम यहाँ रहे, *it is requisite that we remain here.*

34. A participle that refers to the nominative to a verb, instead of agreeing with it, is frequently put in the form of the inflected masculine singular. Examples: वह गाते आती, *she comes singing*; सौदागर का बेटा नई पोषाकें पहने ऊए आया, *the merchant's son came dressed in new clothes.* As the construction may be explained by supposing an ellipsis of the words "in the state of one doing so and so," the combination of the verb and participle may be termed a *statical*.

35. The formation of *causal* verbs, though not properly a part of the Syntax, may be here noticed. Causals are formed, generally, by adding आ or वा to the base, the last syllable of which, if long, is, commonly, shortened. Example: दिखाना, *to show*, from देखना, *to see*. Many transitives are formed from intransitives by lengthening the last vowel of the base, if short. Example: पालना, *to nourish*, from पलना, *to be reared*.

CHAPTER XI.

Syntax of Particles.

36. THE simple postpositions का (or कौ), के, की, *of*; को (or कौ), *to*; से,¹ *from, by, with*; पर,² *upon*; में,³ *in*;

¹ Or से or सौ or सती or ते or करके or करकर or करि.

² Or पे.

³ Or मी or मह or माह or माहि or माहिं or माही.

and तब or तबक,¹ *up to or as far as*, inflect the word which they follow.² The rest of the postpositions govern the genitive case. These other postpositions, as being, mostly, substantives or participles governed by a simple postposition understood, require the sign के, or की, accordingly as they happen to be, originally, of the masculine, or of the feminine, gender.

37. The translation of the conjunctive particle कि deserves some attention. The idiom of the language requires that a reported speech or thought should be given, not in the indirect form usual in the languages of Europe, but in the same grammatical form in which the speech was uttered, or in which the thought presented itself to the mind. For instance, instead of saying "He told me *that he would come*," idiomaticalness requires us to say "He told me that '*I shall come* ;'" instead of "He imagined *that they would not go*," "He imagined that '*they will not go*.'" The clause thus reported is introduced by the particle कि, which is to be rendered by *namely*, or *saying*, or *thinking to himself*, or *as follows*, etc., according to the circumstances of the case.

¹ Or तौ or तन or तनि.

² किये or कये or कथि, *for*; पास or पाहीं, *near*; सम or समान, and तुझ, *like*; तन, *towards*, etc., etc., have, in some phrases, a similar construction.

NOTE.

THE best Dictionary (Shakespear's) being in the Arabic character, the following comparative view of the Arabic and Nāgarī alphabets is intended to enable the Hindī student to consult it. The short vowels, unless at the beginning of a word, have no share in determining its place in the dictionary.

अ, आ, इ, उ=ا; ई=إي; ऊ=أو; ए=اي; ऐ=अय;
ओ=औ; औ=आँ; ँ=अं; ॠ=अः.

क=क	ख=ख	ग=ग	घ=घ	ङ=ङ
च=च	छ=छ	ज=ज	झ=झ	ञ=ञ
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श=श or स	ष=ष or ष	स=स	ह=ह	ज़=ज़ or ज़

It has already been mentioned, that points are sometimes written under letters employed to represent certain peculiar sounds of the Persian and Arabic alphabets. In pure Hindī, these do not occur. A full explanation of them will be found in any good Urdū Grammar. It may be sufficient to mention, here, that ख़ may stand for ع, क़ for ق, ग़ for غ, ज़ for ز, ड़ for ض, or ط, त़ for ط, ख़ for خ, फ़ for ف, श़ for ث or ص, and ह़ for ح.

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